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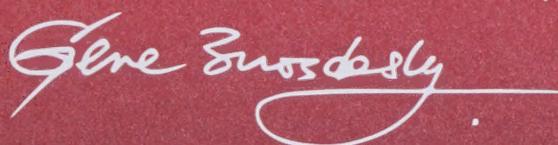


SPEAKER'S MESSAGE

Every September through June for the past 13 years the Legislative Assembly of Alberta has had the privilege of hosting Grade 6 students from across Alberta. The School at the Legislature (SATL) program provides a truly unique opportunity for students to learn about the citizenship, the legislative process and the rich history of Alberta.

From year to year I have been pleased to see continued growth in the SATL program. During the past school year, for example, almost 840 students had the opportunity to take part. But these students did not come to the Alberta Legislature Grounds alone. In fact, the continued growth of the SATL program is in large part due to the dedication of the many teachers who accompany their students and help facilitate learning and the over 300 volunteers who give up their free time to help enrich the lives of children. The SATL program would not be possible without the tireless efforts of such dedicated teachers and volunteers.

I also want to thank our generous sponsors – Priority Printing Ltd., CTV and the Rotary Club of Edmonton – all of whom have promoted our program and provided continuous support over the years. With their ongoing support I am sure SATL will continue to grow in the future. SATL gives Grade 6 students a first-hand look at how our great province operates. More importantly, it sparks an understanding and appreciation of parliament that I hope will last a lifetime.



Gene Zwozdesky

The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky
MLA, Edmonton-Mill Creek
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta



ABOUT THE PROGRAM



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The School at the Legislature (SATL) program is designed to give Grade 6 teachers from across the province an opportunity to move their classroom to the Alberta Legislature for an entire week. We aim to educate students about Alberta's parliamentary process while providing a one-of-a-kind, fun and exciting learning experience for students and teachers. Spending an entire week in our classroom provides teachers with an opportunity to address curriculum outcomes and create meaningful connections by using authentic learning experiences. Students are able to discuss democracy while in the actual Legislature Chamber, sketch the beautiful Legislature Building with its towering pillars and Greek architecture, learn about the government while next door to the Premier's office and role-play as the Speaker in a mock Legislature activity.

The educational experience is a collaborative effort between Legislative Assembly Office (LAO) staff and teachers. Upon program acceptance teachers must attend a two-day workshop to meet the site co-ordinator, familiarize themselves with the site and begin to plan for their week. Teachers are given access to educational material, a fully equipped classroom, the Legislature Building and Grounds and are provided with support throughout their week. To further prepare teachers and students for their experience at the Alberta Legislature, Visitor Services staff visit each participating school to meet with students and teachers prior to their visit.



The week begins with a tour of the Legislature Building, providing the basis for learning about the work and the role of the Legislative Assembly. An entire week means that students are immersed in the Alberta Legislature environment and develop a deeper understanding of democracy and the importance of active citizenship. The SATL program incorporates inquiry-based learning which asks students to direct their own learning by becoming active observers and participants and to seek information and knowledge through critical thinking and asking questions. Students can generate questions that explore how justice, equity, freedom and representation are present in the decisions and day-to-day work of people they interview. We feel that the SATL program inspires students to observe, reflect and better understand our political process. Energy and enthusiasm are instilled in the students and taken home for dinner table discussion. Students become informed future voters and are engaging their parents in political dialogue!

PROGRAM VISION AND OBJECTIVES





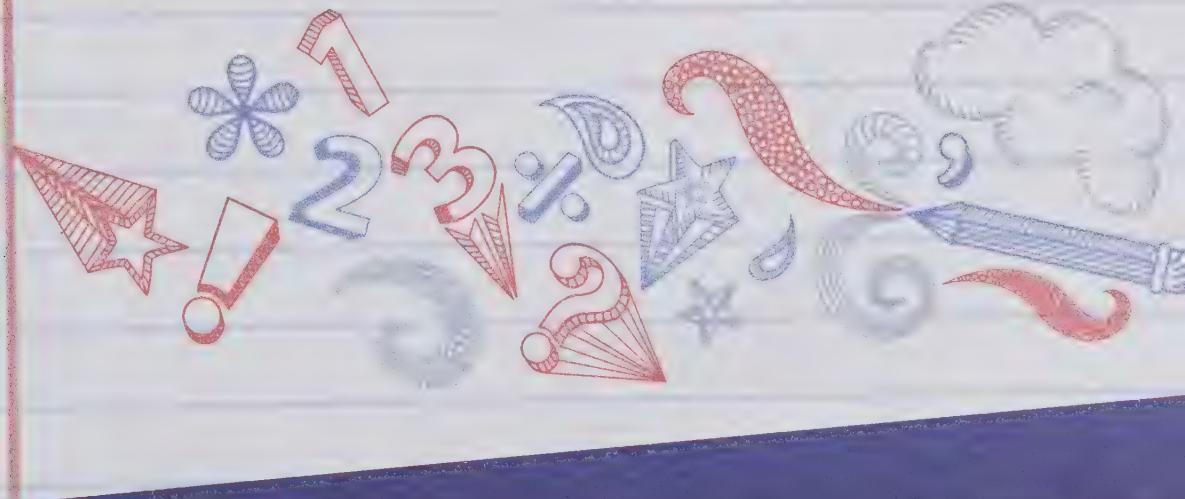
PROGRAM VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Our Vision

To be a recognized leader in providing the best in parliamentary educational experience for students across Alberta.

Our Objectives

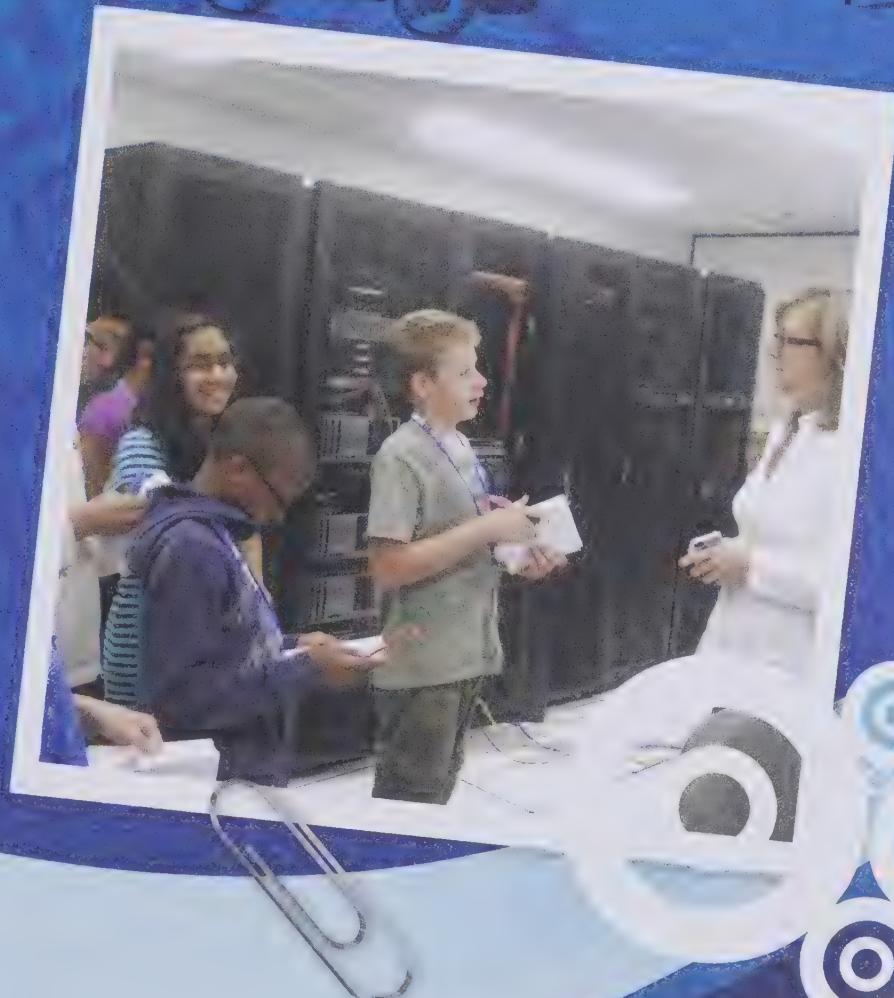
1. To provide students with a memorable and fun-filled learning experience of Alberta's parliamentary democratic process
2. To facilitate interdisciplinary learning experiences at the Legislature which complement the Alberta curriculum
3. To convey to the educational community and to the public that the Legislature and the parliamentary democratic process belong to them
4. To provide MLAs and staff working at the Legislature an opportunity to participate in the teaching and the learning experience of children





LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES





TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES

The Alberta Legislature is a resource-rich environment that can be used as a catalyst for a variety of exciting activities. The program is designed to fit Grade 6 curriculum objectives established by the Alberta Program of Studies and utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to promote authentic learning. While on-site, students enjoy the freedom to participate in some of the activities outlined below.

Social Studies

- Participate in a parliamentary debate
- Learn how people take part in elections and the legislative process
- Find out about citizens' rights and responsibilities
- Explore the architecture of the Legislature Building
- Investigate the underlying principles of democracy in Canada and Alberta

Language Arts

- Create personal journals
- Practise note-taking during interviews
- Prepare presentations and reports based on interviews
- Write newspaper articles, and develop a class newsletter
- Learn how the media collects and distributes information



Art

- Sketch aspects of the Legislature Building
- Observe and evaluate the artwork and symbolism of the grounds and monuments
- Create collages related to the week's experience

Math

- Measure and graph sizes and shapes on the Legislature Grounds
- Learn about the use of budgets, charts and graphs



Physical Education

- Take the Health Loop walk in the Legislature Pedway
- Go on a self-guided tour of the Legislature Grounds
- Do a scavenger hunt
- Skate in the winter months
- Walk every day

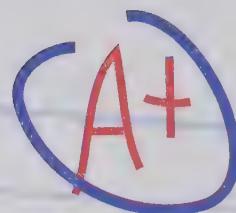
Career Studies

- Learn about different careers at the Legislature
- Find out how school habits contribute to success in the workplace

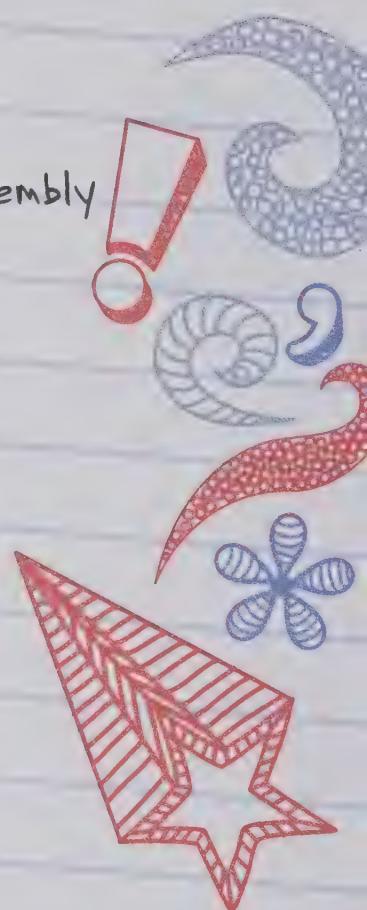
Key to the program's success are the presenters who provide engaging sessions to help students gain a holistic understanding of the democratic system and the function of the Legislative Assembly Office. Connecting with these people is a special part of the SATL experience and allows participants to become familiar with the names and faces they read about.

The School at the Legislature program would like to thank the following Offices for their support and for offering interview and presentation sessions:

- Alberta Hansard
- Auditor General
- Chief Electoral Officer
- Child and Youth Advocate
- Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
- Committee Clerk
- Department of Infrastructure
- Ethics Commissioner
- Financial Management and Administration Services
- Human Resource Services
- Information and Privacy Commissioner
- Information Technology Services
- Legislature Grounds Tour



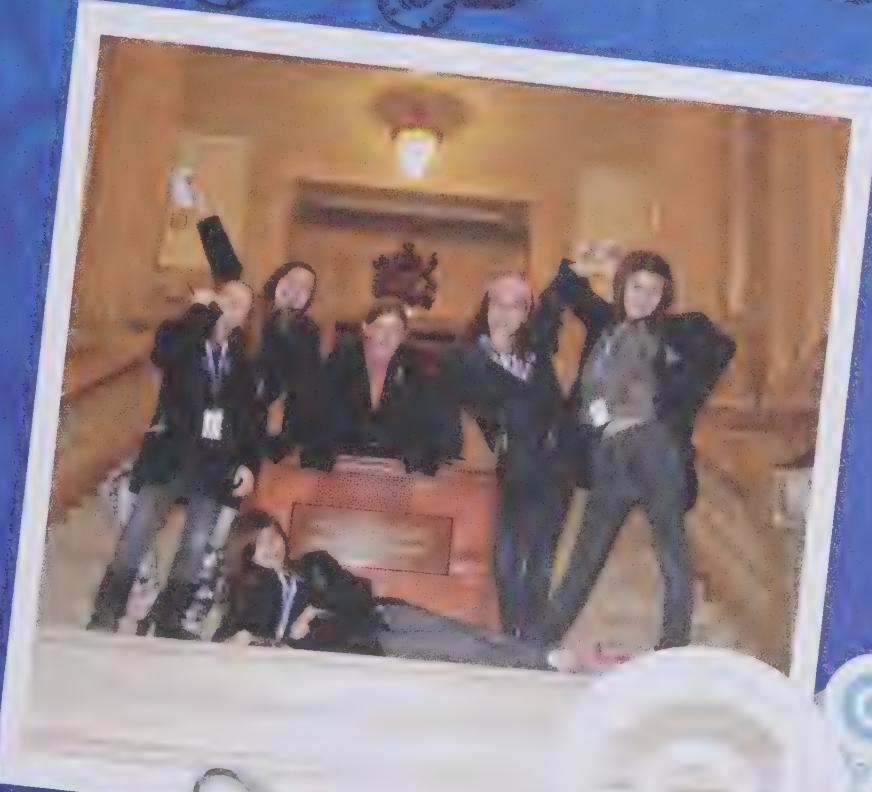
- Legislature Library
- Legislature Press Gallery (Media)
- Legislature Pages
- Lieutenant Governor
- Members of the Legislative Assembly
- Ombudsman
- Parliamentary Counsel
- Premier
- Protocol
- Research Services
- Security Operations
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Visitor Services



★ "I remember that my class went to show respect to Peter Lougheed and we got to meet his son. The people here aren't just people. They're really important to the Legislature. I think that one day I will take my family to the Legislature."

Student, St. James Catholic School

YEAR IN REVIEW



YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2012-2013 school year was an exciting and eventful one for the School at the Legislature program. Throughout the year students were able to join us to celebrate the centennial of the Legislature Building, commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and participate in various other special events such as Democracy Week, Remembrance Day, Celebrate the Season and Commonwealth Day. As determined by Albertans' votes, each 2012-2013 School at the Legislature class had their group photograph placed in the 2013 Alberta Legislature Centennial Time Capsule. This time capsule will be opened in the year 2113.

By providing 37 program weeks from September 2012 to June 2013, we were able to welcome 26 schools from 19 different constituencies located in communities all over Alberta. In total we saw 839 future voters come through the Legislature. We were also pleased to announce three new activities available during this program year: the Research Services presentation, the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate presentation and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly interview. The addition of these three activities meant that SATL teachers had over 30 interview and presentation options to choose from during their week here.

Table 1: Program Growth

Year	# of Classes	Students	Teachers	Volunteers
2009-10	33	769	39	350
2010-11	35	860	40	369
2011-12	35	831	37	346
2012-13	37	839	43	309

Student Participation By Year, 2003-2012



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Table 2: Participating Schools

School	No. of Classes	No. of Students	Location
Belgravia School	1	28	Edmonton
Bisset School	2	48	Edmonton
Brander Gardens School	2	42	Edmonton
Brookside School	1	30	Edmonton
Camilla School	1	22	Rivière Qui Barre
Eleanor Hall School	1	23	Clyde
Forest Heights School	2	28	Edmonton
George P. Nicholson School	3	67	Edmonton
Glenora School	1	33	Edmonton
H.A. Kostash School	1	25	Smoky Lake
Hardisty School	1	28	Edmonton
Holy Family Catholic School	1	26	Edmonton
Lycee Louis Pasteur	1	18	Calgary
Muir Lake School	2	50	Stony Plain
Mundare School	1	24	Mundare
Noble Central School	1	17	Nobleford
Our Lady of the Prairies	2	36	Edmonton
Ridgeview Central School	2	50	La Crête
Rochester/Smith schools	1	19	Rochester, Smith
St. Angela School	3	72	Edmonton
St. Benedict Catholic School	1	28	Edmonton
St. Alphonsus School	2	43	Edmonton
St. James Catholic School	1	16	Edmonton
Stony Plain Central School	1	25	Stony Plain
Teepee Creek School	1	17	Teepee Creek
Windsor Park School	1	24	Edmonton
Total	37	839	



GETTING THE WORD OUT





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One of the goals of the Legislative Assembly Office is the continued development of educational programs for teachers and students. We want to encourage the teaching community to explore the topic of provincial government from multiple perspectives, using new and authentic resource materials. In order to access and inform schools all over Alberta about our successful programs like School at the Legislature, we rely on marketing strategies such as mail-outs, workshops, ads in community newspapers, brochures, Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) newspapers, teacher conventions, word of mouth, radio and television advertisements and the Legislative Assembly website (www.assembly.ab.ca).

During the 2012-2013 school year in order to promote School at the Legislature and provide teachers with more information about the program, Visitor Services staff attended the following events:

- ATA Social Studies Conference
- Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention
- Central East Alberta Teachers' Convention
- Northeast Alberta Teachers' Convention
- North Central Alberta Teachers' Convention

Conferences and conventions like these are essential to further developing the SATL program because they foster dialogue among fellow educators about teaching methods and ideologies that help to make School at the Legislature a rich and rewarding experience for students.



The inquiry-based learning model has developed and grown into an international movement. As a member of the Edmonton Inquiring Minds group we are fortunate to be able to collaborate with other site-based school co-ordinators to provide professional development to teachers and explore our common vision of supporting student learning beyond the walls of the traditional classroom. Current Inquiring Minds members include

- Active Living School (City of Edmonton)
- City Hall School (Edmonton City Hall)
- Edmonton Oilers ICE (In-class Education) school (Rexall Place/Edmonton Oilers)
- EJ School (*Edmonton Journal*)
- Green School (Devonian Botanic Garden)
- Jube School
(Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium)
- Zoo School (Edmonton Valley School)
- Fort School (Fort Edmonton Park)
- U School (University of Alberta)
- Museum School (Royal Alberta Museum)
- School at the Legislature
(Legislative Assembly Office of Alberta)

DOLLARS AND CENTS



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Table 3: 2012-13 Program Budget

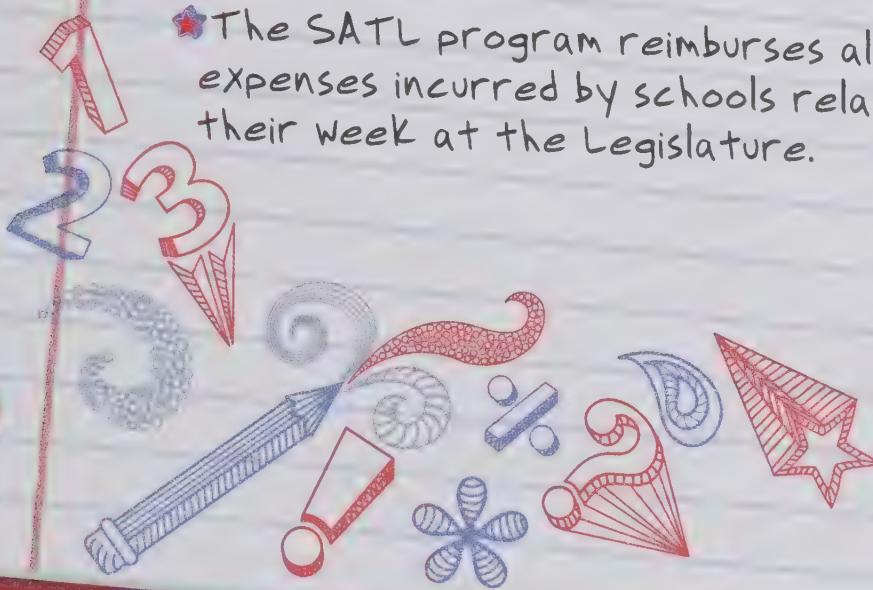
	2012-13 Projected	2012-13 Actual
Revenue		
Legislative Assembly of Alberta	102,000*	52,172.57
Program Fees	(18,000)	(21,100)
Total	\$84,000	\$31,072.57
Expenses		
Travel	6,000	4,514.52
Other Labour and Services	69,000	16,472
Hosting	2,000	2,250.98
Office Administration/Supplies	10,000	12,940.60
Advertising	15,000	15,994.47
Revenue - Program Fees	(18,000)	(21,100)
Total	\$84,000	\$31,072.57

*Projected expenses to allow for expenses of out-of-town school travel



Notes:

- ★ The SATL program runs September to June.
- ★ The SATL program follows an April 1 to March 31 fiscal year.
- ★ The SATL program charges a standard \$700 fee per class. Schools that have been designated as high needs are eligible for a fee reduction.
- ★ The SATL program reimburses all travel expenses incurred by schools related to their week at the Legislature.





OUR SPONSORS





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The success of the School at the Legislature program would not be possible without the support of our community sponsors: Priority Printing Limited, CTV and the Rotary Club of Edmonton. These partners provide a wide variety of resources, including print and promotional material, television and radio advertisements as well as funds to help out-of-town classes attend SATL. With their continued support we are able to provide an innovative educational experience for many Alberta students.

Table 4: Sponsorship Levels

Sponsor Category	Sponsorship Amount	SATL Sponsors
Mountain	\$25,000 +	
Foothills	\$10,000 - \$25,000	 
Prairie	\$5,000 - \$10,000	
In-Kind	Other	



Mountain Sponsor (\$25,000+ value)

- Acknowledgement as primary sponsor of all SATL program marketing and promotional materials, including flyers, advertisements, banners and posters
- Half-page thank-you advertisement in the *Edmonton Journal*, ATA magazine and/or newsletter
- Logo visibility on SATL website
- Logo on promo material
- Full-page corporate logo in annual report card
- VIP hospitality tour of the Legislature Building hosted by the Sergeant-at-Arms
- Invitation to annual classroom luncheon for tabling of annual report card
- Invitation to Oral Question Period, where you will be introduced to Members of the Legislative Assembly
- Dinner invitation and award presentation by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- Thank-you gift
- Company logo on classroom plaque
- Insert of corporate profile in teachers' packages
- Opportunity to set up corporate profile display case in legislature pedway
- Opportunity to provide presentations to classes
- Invitation to and introduction at teachers' workshop luncheon

Foothills Sponsor (\$10,000-\$25,000 value)

- Acknowledgement as sponsor of all SATL event marketing and promotional materials, including flyers, advertisements, banners and posters
- Half-page thank-you advertisement in the *Edmonton Journal*, ATA magazine and/or newsletter
- Logo visibility on SATL website

- Logo on promo material
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- VIP hospitality tour of the Legislature Building hosted by the Sergeant-at-Arms
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- Thank-you gift
- Company logo on classroom plaque.
- Insert of corporate profile in teachers packages

Prairie Sponsor (\$5,000-\$10,000 value)

- Logo visibility on SATL website
- Logo on promo material
- Logo in annual report card
- Hospitality tour of the Legislature Building
- Invitation to annual classroom luncheon
- Invitation to Oral Question Period, where you will be introduced to Members of the Legislative Assembly
- Thank-you gift
- Company logo on classroom plaque
- Insert of corporate profile in teachers' packages

In-Kind Sponsor

Customized benefit packages will be developed for partners who may wish to donate goods and services.



January 17th, 2014

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
Honourable Gene Zwozdesky
Room 325 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2B6

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your staff on another very successful year of the "School at the Leg" program.

The growth and success of any venture are largely dependent on the strong and capable people that make it run. The "School at the Leg" program is no different. SATL has not only proven to be extremely successful and professionally run, but also a program that Grade 6 students benefit greatly from, allowing them to see and experience our provincial government in action.

It is our hope that this very worthy teaching tool is part of the Legislative Assembly Office's educational initiatives for many years to come. Priority Printing is very proud to be associated with and sponsor the "School at the Leg" program, now, and for years to come.

Again, my congratulations to all, and I sincerely wish you, your staff, and the "School at the Leg" program all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Downey".

Tim Downey
President



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January 8, 2014

The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
325 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2B6

Dear Mr. Speaker:

You need no introduction to the School at the Legislature program or its accomplishments. CTV is proud to have supported classes from the following communities across Alberta:

Airdrie	Duffield	La Crete	Rolling Hills
Andrew	Grande Cache	Medicine Hat	Spruce Grove
Anzac	Grimshaw	Mundare	Uncas
Ardmore	Hays	Nobleford	Wabasca
Cadotte Lake	Killam	Redcliff	Whitecourt
Calgary	Kikino		

Many of these schools would not have been able to attend the program without our cash sponsorship of \$4,000 for accommodations and meals. Last year Noble Central School from Nobleford was the recipient of this sponsorship.

CTV Two supports SATL, the LAO, the Alberta Order of Excellence and the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards in addition to many other government initiatives. We produce and broadcast Question Period and original programming like *Alberta Primetime* and our ongoing series of *Career Connector* and *Learning Connector* interstitials. CTV Two remains committed to the educational, social and economic framework of our province.

We owe our thanks again to Brooke Stuckey and the staff of Visitor Services for making our partnership a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Regards,

Lloyd Lewis
VP and General Manager
CTV Edmonton and CTV Two Alberta

cc Brooke Stuckey, Visitor Services
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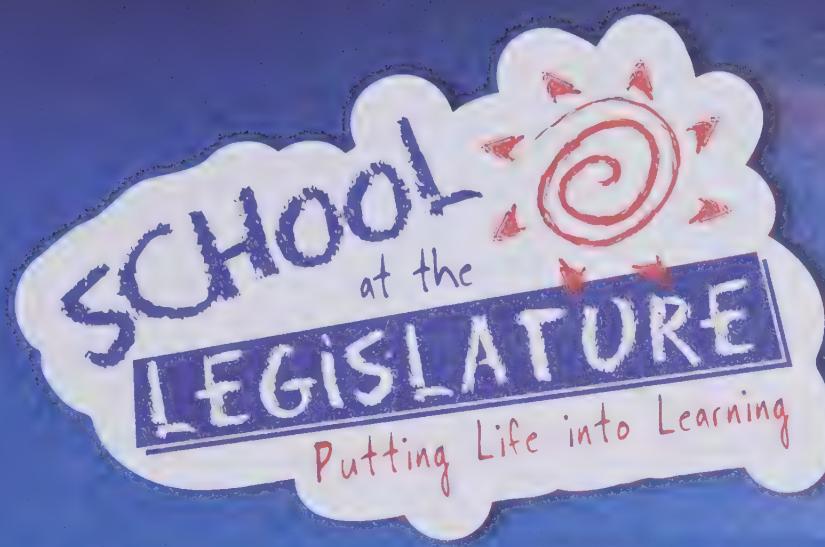
RE: School at the Legislature

It is with great pleasure that the Rotary Club of Edmonton supports the School at the Legislature program. It is an onsite learning experience that gives an opportunity for youth to learn how our democratic process works and how they as individuals and collectively have an impact in bettering our society.

I have seen firsthand the enthusiasm of students and teachers to learn at the Legislature and immerse themselves in the traditions and principles that as Albertans and Canadians we live by.

Our mandate at the Rotary Club of Edmonton is to support the inner city community needs and we are proud of our commitment to sponsor classes from inner city Edmonton for the upcoming year.

Dan Matthys
Member, Youth Services Committee
The Rotary Club of Edmonton



WE THANK OUR SPONSORS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SATL.





APPENDICES



APPENDIX A

STUDENT, TEACHER AND PARENT COMMENTS:

★ "This was a fun way to learn about the Legislature. Actually getting to see things and touch things is better than reading about it."

Student, St. Angela School

★ "I remember everything from the tour, Session, the Clerk interview, the First Poppy Presentation, the Premier's Office and other awesome democracy stuff. This has been the best week of my life!"

Student, Mundare School

 "I am Indian, and I felt proud when I heard about the history of Alberta. Now I feel proud to become Canadian, also."

Student, Holy Family School

 "I learned everything that there was to learn. It's like it's still alive in my head."

Student, Noble Central School

 "I learned about tax, GST, budgeting and accounting, and I thought that was interesting because my mom is an accountant"

Student, St. Alphonsus School

“I liked that we got to debate in the mock Legislature, just like the MLAs get to debate in the Chamber. I got to be the Lieutenant Governor and gave royal assent.”

Student, Bisset School

★ "Chamber discussions are so much more complicated and interesting than I thought. I didn't want to leave after a week. You should make School at the Legislature a month long!"

Student, Forest Heights School

★ "I didn't know that the Legislature belongs to me because I live in Alberta. I can't wait to come back and see my building!"

Student, Ridgeview Central School

★ "Our guide was fantastic, informative, knowledgeable and well spoken. It made for an excellent experience."

Teacher, George P. Nicholson School

★ "This was an incredible experience! I would recommend this to any Gr. 6 class. The organization of the program was amazing. Thanks!"

Teacher, Teepee Creek School

★ "School at the Legislature is a great opportunity for hands-on, experimental learning."

Teacher, Stony Plain Central School

★ "This program just keeps on getting better! To see the democratic process first-hand makes the students more interested in voting and being active citizens."

Teacher, H.A. Kostash School

★ "I love this program. Being from out of town, many of my students had never been to the Legislature before. By the end of the week we all felt more ownership of the building and were a lot more knowledgeable about provincial politics."

Teacher, Rochester School

★ "This was an excellent opportunity for my child to see first-hand how government functions and the many activities that occur through the legislative process."

Parent, Brookside Elementary School

★ "What an incredible opportunity to make connections to current events and systems of power and effect change as they grow in Alberta as citizens! I am impressed by the importance of the work done here and how lucky we are to be a part of Alberta and Canada."

Parent, Belgravia School

★ "Besides learning important content, I think the week is empowering to the kids. They are exploring "grown-up" stuff. My daughter has been thrilled all week with the opportunity, and I have absorbed, through her, the structure of provincial government."

Parent, Glenora School

★ "From ancient Athens to present-day democracy School at the Legislature gives students a visual of how it all looks. This experience has made me more interested in politics both from what I have learned and from what my child is excited to come home every day and tell me about."

Parent, Eleanor Hall School

★ "This week gave the children a visual they could use while learning about the government. It made them aware of how many jobs there are within the LAO and possible future jobs for themselves."

Parent, Camilla School

APPENDIX B CLASS SCHEDULES



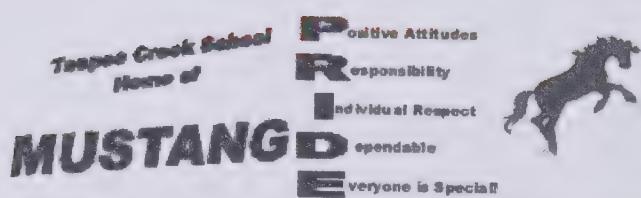
Class Schedule (No Session) Example 1:

	Monday Arrival	Tuesday Arrival	Wednesday Arrival	Thursday Arrival	Friday Arrival
9:15					
9:30	Introduction and Welcome Activity 9:15-9:45	Mock Legislature Prep 9:15-10:00		Protocol Presentation 9:15-10:00	
10:00			Ombudsman Presentation 9:30-10:00		Media Presentation 9:30-10:30
10:30					
11:00	Guided Tour 10:00-11:15	Guided Mock Legislature Activity 10:15-11:15	Optional Mock Legislature Activity 10:15-11:00	Infrastructure Tour 10:15-11:00	Premier's Office and Cabinet Room 10:30-11:00
11:30			Legislature Activity 11:00-11:30		
12:00	Mock Legislature Prep 11:30-12:00	MLA Visit 11:30-12:00	Chief Electoral Office Presentation 11:30-12:00	Sergeant-at-Arms Presentation 11:15-12:00	Small Group Interviews 11:15-11:45 (Information Technology, Human Resources, Hansard)
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00	Journaling	Journaling	Grounds Tour 12:30-1:30		Journaling
1:30	Photograph 1:00-1:15	Be a Tour Guide Activity 1:00-1:30		Early Dismissal	Child and Youth Advocate Presentation 1:00-1:45
2:00	Race for the Riding Activity 1:30-2:00	Pondering in the Pedway Activity 1:30-2:30	Page Program Interview 1:30-2:00		
2:30	Free Time 2:00-2:30		Journaling		Wrap-up & Evaluations 2:00-2:30
2:30	Depart	Depart	Depart	Depart	Depart

Class Schedule (Session) Example 2:

	Monday Arrival	Tuesday Arrival	Wednesday Arrival	Thursday Arrival	Friday Arrival
9:00					
9:30	Introduction and Welcome Activity 9:15-9:45			Protocol Presentation 9-15-10:00	
10:00		Mock Legislature Prep 9:30-10:00	Ombudsman Presentation 9:30-10:00		Media Presentation 9:30-10:30 (in Legislature)
10:30				Small Group Interviews 10:15-10:45 (Clerk, Committee Clerk Parliamentary Counsel)	
11:00	Guided Tour 10:00-11:15	Guided Mock Legislature Activity 10:15-11:15 (ML Room)	Optional Mock Legislature Activity 10:15-11:0		Premier's Office and Cabinet Room 10:30-11:00
11:30			Free Time 11:00-11:30	Sergeant-at-Arms Presentation 11:15-12:00	Pedway Activities 11:00-12:00
12:00	Race For the Riding 11:30-12:00	Information and Privacy Presentation 11:30-12:00	Chief Electoral Office Presentation 11:30-12:0		
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00	Journaling	Journaling	Grounds Tour 12:30-1:30	Journaling	Journaling
1:30	Photograph 1:00-1:15	MLA Visit 1:00-1:30		Financial Management and Administration Presentation 1:00-2:00	Security Operations 1:00-1:30
2:00	Session 1:30-2:10	Optional Session 1:30-2:30	Library Tour 1:30-2:00		
2:30			Journaling		Wrap-up & Evaluations 2:00-2:30
2:30	Depart	Depart	Depart	Depart	Depart

APPENDIX C STUDENT WORK



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<http://www.pwssd76.ab.ca> Teepee Creek School web

<http://www.pwssd76.ab.ca> PWSD website

Government and democracy are the main parts of the Social Studies curriculum. Our class has been very creative in finding ways to learn about this while promoting responsible citizenship in our community. In the last election, we hosted a community political forum. We even got to ask the candidates the tough questions.

The only that it could be more real is to go to where the action happens-The Legislature! This would provide us a chance to learn in a way that has never been possible for us before. If you do support us, we will be sure to recognize your business in our local newsletter, Grande Prairie newspaper, school/district website and facebook pages, and a souvenir photo would be presented to our business at our year-end award ceremony. Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Chad Stark

On Behalf of Teepee Creek Grade 5/6 class
Teacher: Mrs. Corry Stark CorryStark@pwssd76.ab.ca

Fundraising letter written by a student from Teepee Creek School



March 7th 2013

Hello all,

I am the Sergeant of Arms, Billy. Today during the session there was ^{Hi,} ~~Hi,~~ this one person. He sat in the "Public Gallery". When they were doing the Question Period, that guy tried to JUMP over the R^{ail}s because of ~~Sign~~ something that someone said. Before I could see him I saw some people looking up at the Gallery. I looked up and saw somebody jumping off a railing. Suddenly the security came and immediately attempted to pull him up. "Orders"! Soon the F Chamber was ^{I yelled} ~~empty~~ a pin could be heard if it fell. The man got escorted ~~off~~ out of the Legislature and was banned for a while.

Sincerely,
Sergeant of Arms

Creative writing done by a student from George P. Nicholson School



Mock Legislature No Smoking

By: Matthew

Mock Legislature is copying legislative actions to learn how the Real Legislature would be like. This is our time at the Mock Leg.

On Wednesday, October 2012 our class proposed a bill to Mock Legislature. The bill that was proposed was make smoking illegal. Our fellow Leaders are Rheanna the Premier and Opposition Leader Meghan. The meeting was held at the mock legislature official office. We did this because we thought it would be a great opportunity to "copy" the legislature actions.

Some of the other people that joined us during this event were: The Lieutenant Governor, River. The Sergeant-At-Arms, Alec.

The kids really liked and enjoyed the time at the Legislature and they especially liked Mock Legislature.

The Committee Clerks

By Simon

The Committee Clerk's assist the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. They have meetings in a large room with microphones and have power sockets in case they want to bring a laptop. In these meetings they have no pages. Committee clerks can have their position until they are fired or retire. To get the job you must apply. Soon they will move to a new government building. Their old one will be torn down.

One of the current Committee Clerks has had the position for 23 years. The other was appointed about 2 months ago. Their large meetings currently take place in the Annex Building beside the Legislature.

100th Anniversary Celebrations

By Ryan

The Alberta Legislature was created in 1912 after 5 years of construction, therefore, 2012 is the 100th Anniversary, a very large event. They refurbished the entire Alberta Legislature prior the anniversary to represent the second legislative century and at the dome a centennial party took place. They re-earthed the "time capsule" after it was unearthed 103 years ago. Speaker Gene Zwazdesky and Minister Heather Klimchuk organized this party. The "time capsule" was made of copper and represented numerous legislative events. They started building the legislature in 1907, and halfway through creation, they built the time capsule. The reason that it took a long time to build is because the legislature has many buildings and facilities and many other things.

The 100th Anniversary Party was organized by the Legislature on Sunday, September 2, 2012. Fancy foods were consumed during the party and so were numerous other foods. In an interview, Mr. River Cameron stated that his hockey camp went to a ½ hours worth of the party alongside Mr. Cameron's father, James Cameron (no, not the Terminator director, a random Edmontonian). CBC might be able to give you information on discovering whether or not there were protestors, that a party would be approximately 5 hours worth of a century when it only occurred once a century and near the end, they held a fireworks. At the same time as the fireworks, a Centennial Concert was held. Meanwhile, an ATCO Centennial Stage was held on the south lawn.

They put a poster on the dome's door saying "100th Anniversary of the Leg". After the 100th anniversary, the MLA's worked the way they always did.

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October 10, 2012

Dear Jennifer Goodwin,

Thank you for giving us an astonishing library tour! Everyone was really interested in learning about this 1800's book from the library which was so fragile you couldn't even take it out! I know you got my class ears listening when you were talking about that really fascinating old hamburger. We just couldn't believe that the hamburger was from 1960's! What blew our minds was that the library had a 2272 page book. That's so cool!

Can I say I just was shocked to know that there were over 41000 books in the library I thought there were lots but not that many! I just wanted you to know that you where my favorite part at School at the Legislature! Thank you very much for taking time out of your day to give a tour to a bunch of grade six students. The library tour was magical and I wish I could redo time and do it over and over again!

Sincerely,

S. Joya

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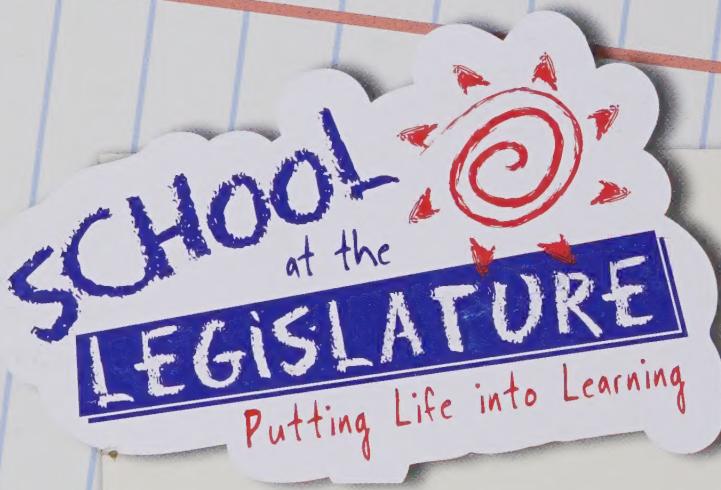
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Thank-you letter written by a student from Brookside Elementary School



Sketch of Lois Hole done by a student from George P. Nicholson School





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